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(57) Abstract: Using ethanol as plasticizer for preparing subcutaneous implants containing a dispersed active principle in a PLGA-based matrix by means of extrusion, the extrusion temperature, generally higher than 75°C, can be reduced to temperatures higher than the T<sub>g</sub> of the PLGA, but lower than the boiling point of ethanol and therefore less than 70°C. In this manner subcutaneous implants containing thermolabile active principles, for example proteins, can be prepared.

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